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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. <b>09/036,501</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Lourie et al.</b>
	Examiner <b>Luong Nguyen</b>	Art Unit <b>2612</b>

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**Status**

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 2, 2001

2a)  This action is FINAL.      2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

4)  Claim(s) 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21-24 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21-24 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11)  The proposed drawing correction filed on Apr 2, 2001 is: a)  approved b)  disapproved.

12)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

13)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

15)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)      18)  Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

16)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)      19)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_      20)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Prosecution Application***

1. The request filed on 4/2/2001 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/036,501 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15-16, 18-19, 21-24 filed on 4/2/2001 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. Claims 18, 19, 23, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 18 (line 3), claim 19 (line 3), claim 24 (line 3) recite the limitation "the" in "the electronic device".

Claim 23 (line 1) recites the limitation "the" in "the property".

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 15-16, 18-19, 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stedman et al. (US 5,675,364) in view of Brown (US 5,455,561) further in view of Ng (5,731,832).

Regarding claim 15, Stedman et al. disclose a computer system which provides a wakeup control function, comprising memory, disclosed as memory 36 (figure 2, column 3, lines 39-53); a processor (processor 12, figure 2, column 3, lines 39-53) which causes the computer system to exit the inactive mode (controller 40 generates wakeup signal which signals system power 12 to wake up, i.e., to transition from the system power saving mode (inactive mode) to the normal mode operation (active mode), column 4, lines 40-47). Stedman et al. disclose computer system operates in active mode and enters to an inactive mode (power saving mode, column 1, lines 25-40, column 6, lines 20-30).

Stedman et al. fail to specifically disclose a memory to store a weighted average of brightness corresponding to one or more frames representing a view of different times; and a processor which compares the property of two frames to each other in response to the weighted average of brightness of the two frames differing by a predetermined amount. However, Brown discloses a

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video camera surveillance system comprising memory, disclosed as frame recorder 4 (figure 1, column 4, lines 34-45); processor, disclosed as change detector 7 which compares the difference signal between a frame from the series of frames subsequent to the reference frame and the reference frame, and generates an output signal line 19 if the difference is beyond a preset threshold (figures 1-2, column 4 line 53 through column 5, line 25, column 7, line 67 through column 8, line 7). Brown discloses combination of frame recorder 4 and change detector 7 as computer system which operates in active mode when the discrepancy count value exceeds the minimum, then an alarm signal is generated on signal line 19 to activate alarm 12 or video cassette recorder 11 (figures 1-2, column 5, line 20 through column 6, line 8); and computer system operates in active mode when the discrepancy count value below the minimum required to generate an alarm condition, the alarm condition is removed from signal line 19 (figures 1-2, column 6, lines 15-31). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system in Stedman et al. by the teaching of Brown in order to provide a system which can recognize different mode by comparing the property of two frames.

Stedman et al. and Brown fail to specifically disclose the difference weighted average of brightness of the two frames differing by a predetermined amount. However, Ng teaches the difference between the current frame and the reference frame is determined on a pixel-by-pixel basis, and the pixel value indicates the luminance level or brightness level (column 6, lines 12-17, column 7, lines 10-28), and a motion detection signal is generated if the difference between the

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current frame and the reference frame exceeds a threshold (see abstract, difference weighted average of brightness of the two frames differing by a predetermined amount) . Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system in Stedman et al. by the teaching of Brown and Ng in order to provide a system capable of immediately identifying changes in an image represented by a video signal (column 1, lines 49-51).

Regarding claim 16, Stedman et al. discloses a reset circuitry coupled to the processor to power up the computer system to exit the inactive mode (column 4, lines 40-47).

Regarding claims 18 and 24, Brown discloses the processor receives frames at a first frame rate when the computer system is in the active mode and the processor receives frames at a second frame rate when the electronic device is not in the inactive mode (column 5, lines 3-25, column 6, lines 63+).

Regarding claims 19 and 23, Brown discloses the processor determines the frame property when the computer system is in the inactive mode and does not determine the frame property when the electronic device not in the inactive mode (column 5, lines 3-26).

Regarding claim 21, Brown discloses the processor compares frames by comparing a weighted average brightness of the consecutive frames (column 3, lines 34-44, column 4, lines 34-67).

Regarding claim 22, Stedman et al. disclose a computer system which provides a wakeup control function which causes the computer system to exit the inactive mode (controller 40

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generates wakeup signal which signals system power 12 to wake up, i.e., to transition from the system power saving mode (inactive mode) to the normal mode operation (active mode), column 4, lines 40-47). Stedman et al. disclose computer system operates in active mode and enters to inactive mode (power saving mode, column 1, lines 25-40, column 6, lines 20-30). Stedman et al. fail to specifically disclose receiving a first frame corresponding to a view at a first time; receiving a second frame corresponding to a view at a second time; determining weighted average brightness for the first and second frame; and causing the computer system to exit the inactive mode if the weighted average brightness for the first frame differs from the weighted average brightness for the second frame by a predetermined amount.

However, Brown discloses a video camera surveillance system comprising receiving a first frame and a second frame, disclosed as frame recorder 4 (figure 1, column 4, lines 34-67); determining a property for first frame and for second frame, disclosed as circuitry for discriminating between signals (figure 1, column 3, lines 20-40; column 4, lines 34-67). Brown discloses combination of frame recorder 4 and change detector 7 as computer system which operates in active mode when the discrepancy count value exceeds the minimum, then an alarm signal is generated on signal line 19 to activate alarm 12 or video cassette recorder 11 (figures 1-2, column 5, line 20 through column 6, line 8); and computer system operates in active mode when the discrepancy count value below the minimum required to generate an alarm condition, the alarm condition is removed from signal line 19 (figures 1-2, column 6, lines 15-31). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention

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was made to modify the system in Stedman et al. by the teaching of Brown in order to provide a system which can recognizes different mode by comparing the property of two frames. Stedman et al. and Brown fails to specifically disclose determining a weighted average brightness for the first frame and second frame; and the first frame differs from the weighted average brightness for the second frame by a predetermined amount. However, Ng teaches the pixel value of a frame indicates the luminance level or brightness level (column 6, lines 12-17, column 7, lines 10-28); and a motion detection signal is generated if the difference between the current frame and the reference frame exceeds a threshold (see abstract, the first frame differs from the weighted average brightness for the second frame by a predetermined amount). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system in Stedman et al. by the teaching of Brown and Ng in order to provide a system capable of immediately identifying changes in an image represented by a video signal (column 1, lines 49-51).

*Conclusion*

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Luong Nguyen** whose telephone number is **(703) 308-9297**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Wendy Garber**, can be reach on **(703) 305-4929**.

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